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TEXAS ECONOMIC GROWTH CONTINUES TO SLOW

Texas Unemployment Rate Drops

The Statewide actual (not seasonally adjusted) unemployment rate declined from April's 6.9 percent to 6.3 percent in mid-May. The current unemployment rate was very close to the year-ago rate of 6.2 percent. The number of jobless Texans dropped by 54,000 over the month, to an estimated 540,200, while total employment also decreased moderately, to 7,999,500 in May. Although employment was down slightly over the month, the current level was up by about 113,000 from the year-ago estimate.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate also dropped over the month, from 7.1 percent to 6.4 percent—just above the year-ago rate of 6.3 percent. The seasonally adjusted U. S. jobless rate rose slightly, from 6.6 percent to 6.9 percent in May. The current rate was considerably above the 5.3 percent recorded in May 1990. The actual rate for the Nation inched upward from 6.5 percent in April to 6.6 percent in May. The current rate in this series was also well above the year-ago level of 5.1 percent.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase

Although the Texas economy advanced in May, the rate of growth slowed as national recessionary trends continued to influence employment in the State. Nonfarm Salaried Jobs increased by 8,600 between April and May 1991. **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** totaled 7,118,400 in May, up by 75,900 jobs from one year ago. The over-the-year increases in most industries from May 1990 to May 1991 were about one-third as large as during the same 12-month period a year earlier.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** increased by 8,600 over the month. At 6,144,500, this was up by 85,100 over the year. The largest increase in Nonmanufacturing was seen in **Wholesale and Retail Trade**, which rose by 7,500 from April and by 10,200 from May '90.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	May'91	Apr. '91	May'90
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	124,857.0	124,727.0	124,640.0
Unemployment	8,233.0	8,049.0	6,363.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	6.5%	5.1%
Total Employment	116,624.0	116,678.0	118,277.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	125,231.0	125,672.0	124,939.0
Unemployment	8,640.0	8,274.0	6,662.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	6.6%	5.3%
Total Employment	116,591.0	117,398.0	118,277.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,539.7	8,618.9	8,409.7
Unemployment	540.2	594.2	522.9
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	6.9%	6.2%
Total Employment	7,999.5	8,024.7	7,886.8
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,546.0	8,692.0	8,417.0
Unemployment	546.0	618.0	528.0
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	7.1%	6.3%
Total Employment	8,000.0	8,074.0	7,889.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✣
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	May'91*	Apr.91**	May'90**	May'91*	Apr.'91**	May '90**	May'91*	Apr.91**	May'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,800	51,500	51,200	95,800	96,500	96,800	441,000	446,100	436,100
Total Unemployment	3,000	3,300	3,200	4,700	5,100	5,200	19,500	21,100	20,900
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	6.4%	6.3%	4.9%	5.3%	5.4%	4.4%	4.7%	4.8%
Total Employment ++	47,800	48,200	48,000	91,100	91,400	91,600	421,500	425,000	415,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	170,400	171,600	164,000	88,700	89,200	87,400	109,300	109,700	105,100
Total Unemployment	11,900	12,200	12,700	4,700	5,200	4,800	13,300	14,800	12,100
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.1%	7.7%	5.3%	5.8%	5.5%	12.2%	13.5%	11.5%
Total Employment ++	158,500	159,400	151,300	84,000	84,000	82,600	96,000	94,900	93,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	62,900	64,000	61,300	168,300	169,300	163,000	1,442.4	1,456.4	1,423.0
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,200	2,300	12,500	13,200	10,200	82.7	90.8	74.2
Percent Unemployed	3.7%	3.4%	3.8%	7.4%	7.8%	6.3%	5.7%	6.2%	5.2%
Total Employment ++	60,600	61,800	59,000	155,800	156,100	152,800	1,359.7	1,365.6	1,348.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	253,500	257,000	250,400	739,000	747,600	729,800	110,400	110,400	110,400
Total Unemployment	26,200	29,000	26,900	47,100	51,900	41,400	7,600	8,000	7,900
Percent Unemployed	10.3%	11.3%	10.7%	6.4%	6.9%	5.7%	6.9%	7.2%	7.2%
Total Employment ++	227,300	228,000	223,500	691,900	695,700	688,400	102,800	102,400	102,500
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,759.8	1,769.4	1,713.0	96,500	97,100	97,000	52,800	54,000	52,300
Total Unemployment	96.8	99.9	89.6	6,300	7,100	6,700	4,800	6,000	5,300
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.6%	5.2%	6.5%	7.3%	6.9%	9.1%	11.1%	10.1%
Total Employment ++	1,663.0	1,669.5	1,623.4	90,200	90,000	90,300	48,000	48,000	47,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,500	80,400	79,700	116,300	116,600	114,400	158,800	165,900	163,900
Total Unemployment	6,400	6,700	5,500	6,100	6,500	5,300	24,100	31,300	27,700
Percent Unemployed	8.0%	8.3%	6.9%	5.2%	5.6%	4.6%	15.2%	18.9%	16.9%
Total Employment ++	73,200	73,700	74,200	110,200	110,100	109,100	134,700	134,600	136,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,100	48,800	47,800	52,500	53,000	51,000	43,500	44,200	43,800
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,700	2,700	3,300	3,700	3,100	2,100	2,400	2,700
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.5%	5.6%	6.3%	7.0%	6.1%	4.8%	5.4%	6.2%
Total Employment ++	45,600	46,100	45,100	49,200	49,300	47,900	41,400	41,800	41,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	605,000	609,200	605,000	47,800	48,100	47,500	56,600	56,700	56,600
Total Unemployment	39,300	42,300	42,400	3,100	3,400	2,500	4,500	4,500	3,600
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.9%	7.0%	6.5%	7.1%	5.3%	8.0%	7.9%	6.4%
Total Employment ++	565,700	566,900	562,600	44,700	44,700	45,000	52,100	52,200	53,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	73,900	75,200	73,800	36,700	36,700	35,900	93,400	94,800	92,300
Total Unemployment	4,700	5,300	4,500	1,800	1,900	1,800	6,000	6,400	5,400
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	7.0%	6.1%	4.9%	5.2%	5.0%	6.4%	6.8%	5.9%
Total Employment ++	69,200	69,900	69,300	34,900	34,800	34,100	87,400	88,400	86,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,600	56,200	54,900				8,539.7	8,618.9	8,409.7
Total Unemployment	3,800	4,000	3,600				540.2	594.2	522.9
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	7.1%	6.6%				6.3%	6.9%	6.2%
Total Employment ++	51,800	52,200	51,300				7,999.5	8,024.7	7,886.8

✣ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
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The largest gain in Trade occurred in Retail Trade, up 6,900 over the month. Most of this was created in Eating and Drinking Places, which increased by 6,100 from April, due to increased recreational and outdoor activities.

Construction, influenced by favorable May weather, rose by 1,900 from April. The over-the-year increase was 10,500. At 341,100 in May '91, it was the only major sector which had gained more jobs in the past year than in the previous year.

Transportation and Public Utilities increased by 800 over the month and by 7,300 over the year. Other Transportation had the largest gain, up by 1,000 from April, most of which was in Transportation by Air, due to increased business.

The largest major sector loss in Nonmanufacturing occurred in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, which fell by 800 over the month. The current level of 427,400 was down 3,800 from a year ago. Most of this loss was found in Depository Institutions, including Banks. Banking institutions, faced with suppressed lending activity, are maintaining fewer loan officers and staff.

Services was down by 700 from April, while the over-the-year change was up 30,700. Educational Services experienced a large loss of 2,700 as the school term drew to an end. Private Colleges and Universities were the source of the decline, as staff was cut. Personal Services also registered a loss of 2,300 over the month. Health Services and Other Services and Miscellaneous were two areas that had large offsetting gains. Health Services increased by 1,700 due to general increases in Clinics of Doctors, Dentists, Osteopaths, and Other Health Practitioners. Other Services increased by 1,800 due to increased seasonal activities in Social Services such as YMCA's, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Government declined by 100 over the month. At 1,321,300, this sector was up 26,200 from May '90. The loss was concentrated in State Government, down by 1,600, as colleges and universities ended their spring terms and student employees returned home for the summer. Local Government grew by 1,000 as staffing was increased to provide services for more summer activities.

Mining reported no change over the month, but it had increased by 4,000 over the year.

Manufacturing remained the same over the month, reporting 973,900 jobs. This total was down 9,200 from a year ago. **Durable Goods** decreased by 1,900 from April '91 and was 16,000 below its May 1990 level.

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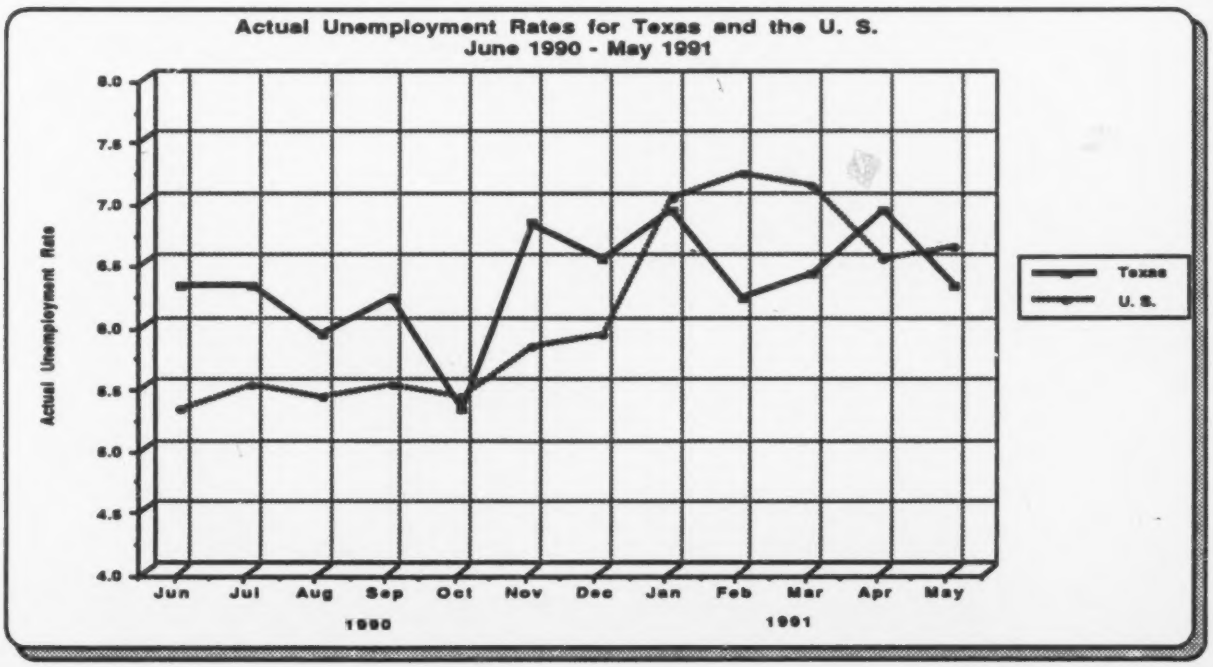

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	MAY '91*	APR. '91**	MAY '90**	Chg. from APR. '91	Chg. from MAY '90
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,118,400**	**7,109,800**	**7,042,500**	**8,600**	**75,900**
MANUFACTURING	**973,900**	**973,900**	**983,100**	**0**	**-9,200**
Durable Goods	**549,200**	**551,100**	**565,200**	**-1,900**	**-16,000**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,700	30,800	31,700	900	0
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,400	7,300	7,500	100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	15,000	14,900	16,300	100	-1,300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	33,100	33,500	35,600	-400	-2,500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,100	14,200	15,400	-100	-1,300
Primary Metal Industries	29,800	29,600	29,300	200	500
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,900	81,300	80,600	-400	300
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	39,600	39,600	39,300	0	300
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	115,300	115,800	114,200	-500	1,100
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	27,800	27,900	25,300	-100	2,500
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	100,100	100,300	105,800	-200	-5,700
Transportation Equipment	88,500	89,800	96,400	-1,300	-7,900
Aircraft & Parts	61,400	62,500	71,300	-1,100	-9,900
Instruments & Related Prod.	39,200	39,500	39,500	-300	-300
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,600	15,600	15,800	0	-200
Nondurable Goods	**424,700**	**422,800**	**417,900**	**1,900**	**6,800**
Food & Kindred Products	100,600	100,100	97,200	500	3,400
Meat Products	31,600	31,600	30,200	0	1,400
Dairy Products	4,400	4,300	4,300	100	100
Bakery Products	9,600	9,600	9,800	0	-200
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,800	54,300	55,800	500	-1,000
Paper & Allied Products	24,300	24,200	24,300	100	0
Printing & Publishing	74,000	74,100	74,300	-100	-300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,300	35,300	36,300	0	-1,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	87,200	87,000	83,500	200	3,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,600	30,200	29,000	400	1,600
Petroleum Refining	27,300	27,000	25,800	300	1,500
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	42,100	41,700	42,300	400	-200
Leather & Leather Products	6,900	7,000	7,200	-100	-300
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,144,500**	**6,135,900**	**6,059,400**	**8,600**	**85,100**
Mining	**182,200**	**182,200**	**178,200**	**0**	**4,000**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,300	9,300	9,500	0	-200
Oil & Gas Extraction	172,900	172,900	168,700	0	4,200
Construction	**341,100**	**339,200**	**330,600**	**1,900**	**10,500**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**428,500**	**427,700**	**421,200**	**800**	**7,300**
Railroad Transportation	18,300	18,300	19,000	0	-700
Other Transportation	243,400	242,400	235,700	1,000	7,700
Transportation by Air	80,600	79,900	73,400	700	7,200
Communications	87,900	88,200	88,500	-300	-600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,900	78,800	78,000	100	900
Electric Services	40,300	40,300	40,500	0	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	26,900	26,800	0	100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,710,800**	**1,703,300**	**1,700,600**	**7,500**	**10,200**
Wholesale Trade	422,000	421,400	421,500	600	500
Retail Trade	1,288,800	1,281,900	1,279,100	6,900	9,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	41,500	41,400	41,500	100	0
General Merchandise Stores	175,800	173,700	176,800	2,100	-1,000
Food Stores	234,700	235,200	234,500	-500	200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	136,000	135,900	136,400	100	-400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	76,400	76,900	78,400	-500	-2,000
Eating & Drinking Places	445,200	439,100	428,200	6,100	17,000
Other Retail Trade	179,200	179,700	183,300	-500	-4,100
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**427,400**	**428,200**	**431,200**	**-800**	**-3,800**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	125,300	125,900	129,700	-600	-4,400
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	145,200	145,500	142,700	-300	2,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	156,900	156,800	158,800	100	-1,900
Services	**1,733,200**	**1,733,900**	**1,702,500**	**-700**	**30,700**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,900	85,700	87,200	200	-1,300
Personal Services	79,400	81,700	77,800	-2,300	1,600
Business & Repair Services	444,800	444,700	443,600	100	1,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	77,400	76,500	80,400	900	-3,000
Health Services	490,500	488,800	467,700	1,700	22,800
Educational Services	84,300	87,000	83,700	-2,700	600
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	153,000	153,400	151,000	-400	2,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	317,900	316,100	311,100	1,800	6,800
Total Government	**1,321,300**	**1,321,400**	**1,295,100**	**-100**	**26,200**
Federal Government	204,500	204,000	220,100	500	-15,600
State Government	288,800	290,400	273,000	-1,600	15,800
Local Government	828,000	827,000	802,000	1,000	26,000

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	MAY'91*	APR. '91**	MAY'90**	MAY'91*	APR. '91**	MAY'90**	MAY'91*	APR. '91**	MAY'90**	MAY'91*	APR. '91**	MAY'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	48,600	48,600	48,900	78,200	77,700	78,800	383,000	384,700	378,500	147,800	147,800	141,900
Manufacturing	4,500	4,500	5,000	8,700	8,800	8,700	48,600	48,800	47,700	25,800	25,800	24,600
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,200	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,700
Construction	1,600	1,500	1,500	3,000	3,000	3,200	12,400	12,300	11,700	13,400	13,400	10,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	5,600	5,500	5,400	11,900	11,900	11,800	9,800	9,800	9,500
Trade	12,500	12,400	12,600	22,500	22,200	22,700	76,000	76,000	77,400	33,300	33,200	32,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	4,300	4,200	4,300	23,300	23,400	23,800	5,400	5,400	5,300
Services & Misc.	14,800	14,700	14,300	17,900	17,800	17,800	98,600	98,900	95,500	36,700	36,700	34,400
Government	9,200	9,300	9,300	15,200	15,200	15,500	111,500	112,900	110,100	21,700	21,800	22,200
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	68,100	67,400	66,700	78,000	77,300	75,400	55,400	56,000	53,900	137,800	137,600	135,800
Manufacturing	16,800	16,800	16,800	11,900	11,700	11,600	3,400	3,200	3,600	12,300	12,300	12,000
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	—	—	500	500	600	4,000	4,100	4,000
Construction	9,000	8,800	9,000	2,300	2,400	2,300	1,800	1,700	2,000	11,300	11,200	13,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	2,900	3,500	3,400	3,100	1,300	1,300	1,300	6,800	6,500	6,500
Trade	12,900	12,700	12,500	20,800	20,500	20,200	11,000	11,200	11,000	32,100	32,200	31,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,700	3,800	3,500	1,800	1,800	1,800	6,300	6,300	6,300
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,000	9,700	17,900	17,700	17,000	10,700	11,000	10,200	33,800	33,800	31,800
Government	12,800	12,500	12,200	17,900	17,800	17,700	24,900	25,300	23,400	31,800	31,400	30,500
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,376.7	1,373.4	1,373.6	211,000	210,200	207,800	587,000	586,100	587,300	77,100	76,500	76,500
Manufacturing	214.2	214.9	220.9	41,000	40,800	40,700	106,300	107,800	117,600	8,800	8,700	8,800
Mining	18.0	17.9	17.8	—	—	—	4,600	4,600	4,300	700	700	600
Construction	47.0	46.9	46.0	8,000	8,100	8,100	22,900	22,500	22,300	4,000	4,000	4,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	82.7	82.6	82.8	10,800	10,800	10,900	56,400	56,300	54,400	5,300	5,200	5,000
Trade	352.4	351.1	349.0	52,900	52,600	51,900	150,400	149,700	150,300	15,500	15,300	15,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	123.4	123.4	126.1	8,300	8,300	8,300	27,000	27,200	27,500	5,100	5,100	5,000
Services & Misc.	375.1	372.7	367.6	45,000	44,400	43,500	140,100	138,900	135,200	15,000	14,700	14,800
Government	163.9	163.9	163.4	45,000	45,200	44,400	79,300	79,100	75,700	22,900	22,800	22,400
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,630.4	1,625.8	1,595.6	73,800	73,400	74,400	45,100	45,200	44,100	69,100	69,300	70,000
Manufacturing	176.9	176.5	172.9	8,500	8,700	8,700	1,800	1,800	1,700	16,100	16,100	16,700
Mining	72.4	72.3	67.4	—	—	—	1,800	1,800	1,700	3,400	3,400	3,500
Construction	108.5	108.5	110.1	2,400	2,200	2,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,500	3,500	3,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	113.3	112.8	109.2	2,400	2,400	2,800	6,300	6,300	6,100	3,800	3,800	3,500
Trade	372.7	370.3	371.2	16,300	16,100	16,700	14,000	13,900	13,900	16,900	17,100	16,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	102.2	102.9	102.0	3,400	3,400	3,300	1,700	1,800	1,800	2,800	2,800	2,700
Services & Misc.	469.4	467.7	451.7	17,800	17,600	17,600	8,200	8,200	7,800	14,000	14,000	13,800
Government	215.0	214.8	211.1	23,000	23,000	23,000	10,200	10,300	9,800	9,000	9,000	9,300
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	99,000	98,700	98,700	103,700	103,400	103,800	44,700	44,900	44,400	44,800	44,200	43,700
Manufacturing	6,900	7,200	7,100	13,000	13,100	13,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	4,400	4,200	4,200
Mining	200	200	300	900	900	800	9,000	8,900	9,000	5,300	5,200	5,200
Construction	3,500	3,400	3,200	4,500	4,500	4,600	1,400	1,500	1,300	2,300	2,200	2,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,300	5,500	5,700	3,100	3,100	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	28,900	28,700	28,200	32,600	32,200	32,700	10,500	10,600	10,400	12,700	12,700	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,600	5,600	3,900	4,000	4,100	2,300	2,400	2,400	1,300	1,300	1,500
Services & Misc.	25,100	24,700	25,200	18,600	18,600	17,800	9,700	9,700	9,400	8,300	8,300	8,000
Government	23,400	23,400	23,400	27,100	27,000	27,500	7,200	7,200	7,300	8,300	8,300	8,200
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,700	36,700	36,400	521,900	519,700	523,600	37,900	37,900	38,200	45,700	45,800	47,400
Manufacturing	4,900	5,000	5,000	43,500	43,200	43,700	10,800	10,800	11,200	6,500	6,500	7,100
Mining	500	500	500	1,900	1,900	1,800	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,100	22,500	22,300	21,400	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,400	1,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,700	22,000	21,800	21,800	1,800	1,800	1,500	2,400	2,400	2,200
Trade	8,800	8,700	9,000	130,000	128,800	129,400	7,800	7,800	7,800	11,000	10,900	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,800	1,800	37,800	38,000	39,900	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,000	9,100	8,900	141,700	141,400	142,500	9,800	9,700	9,700	11,200	11,200	11,000
Government	7,900	8,000	7,800	122,500	122,300	123,100	4,500	4,800	4,800	11,500	11,700	12,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	62,400	62,500	62,200	29,300	29,100	28,200	82,400	82,700	82,200	80,100	80,400	80,100
Manufacturing	10,800	10,700	10,800	3,100	3,100	3,000	15,800	16,100	15,800	8,000	8,200	8,500
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,700	1,800	1,800	3,100	3,000	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,500	3,500	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	15,900	16,000	16,100	7,700	7,800	7,500	19,500	19,300	19,100	11,800	11,800	11,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,500	1,800	1,800	1,800	5,300	5,100	5,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Services & Misc.	16,300	16,300	15,400	6,800	6,800	6,000	21,800	22,200	22,100	12,700	12,700	12,400
Government	9,900	9,800	10,000	5,500	5,500	5,400	13,500	13,500	13,400	9,800	9,900	10,000

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '91*	Apr.'91	May '90	May '91*	Apr.'91	May '90	May '91*	Apr.'91	May '90
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 453.53	$ 451.19	$ 432.85	41.8	41.7	41.7	$ 10.85	$10.82	$10.38
Durable Goods	442.46	439.52	430.02	41.9	41.7	42.2	10.56	10.54	10.19
Lumber & Wood Products	320.66	324.20	310.57	43.1	43.4	41.8	7.44	7.47	7.43
Furniture & Fixtures	286.88	282.41	276.11	39.9	38.9	39.5	7.19	7.26	6.99
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	409.81	413.22	420.88	42.6	42.6	43.3	9.62	9.70	9.72
Primary Metal Industries	487.94	483.48	488.48	42.1	41.5	43.0	11.59	11.65	11.36
Fabricated Metal Products	413.42	418.70	398.23	42.1	42.9	42.5	9.82	9.76	9.37
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	446.77	446.40	430.84	43.0	42.8	42.7	10.39	10.43	10.09
Oil Field Machinery	563.64	571.15	522.96	48.8	48.9	45.2	11.55	11.68	11.57
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	434.90	436.02	458.90	38.9	39.0	40.9	11.18	11.18	11.22
Transportation Equipment	618.02	585.40	556.42	43.4	41.4	43.1	14.24	14.14	12.91
Instruments & Related Prod.	421.68	420.04	407.30	40.9	40.9	41.1	10.31	10.27	9.91
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	306.93	296.06	289.84	39.4	38.3	38.8	7.79	7.73	7.47
Nondurable Goods	465.92	465.79	436.48	41.6	41.7	41.1	11.20	11.17	10.62
Food & Kindred Products	388.14	385.58	351.74	42.7	42.7	40.9	9.09	9.03	8.60
Meat Products	286.28	287.12	272.69	42.1	42.1	40.7	6.80	6.82	6.70
Malt Beverages	988.34	916.21	826.56	51.8	48.4	44.8	19.08	18.93	18.45
Textile Mill Products	372.15	376.59	331.87	45.0	45.1	43.1	8.27	8.35	7.70
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	218.65	216.00	209.72	36.2	36.0	38.2	6.04	6.00	5.49
Paper & Allied Products	506.77	505.61	489.68	43.8	43.7	43.8	11.57	11.57	11.18
Printing & Publishing	430.45	435.31	411.05	39.6	39.9	39.6	10.87	10.91	10.38
Chemicals & Allied Products	746.81	751.30	716.53	44.4	44.8	43.4	16.82	16.77	16.51
Petroleum & Coal Products	781.76	781.42	727.92	44.8	44.5	43.2	17.45	17.56	16.85
Petroleum Refining	811.35	811.75	754.65	45.0	44.7	43.0	18.03	18.16	17.55
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	390.93	390.83	386.74	41.5	41.8	41.9	9.42	9.35	9.23
Leather & Leather Products	269.58	271.56	254.98	38.9	39.3	38.4	6.93	6.91	6.64
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	631.80	618.80	593.15	45.0	44.2	44.1	14.04	14.00	13.45
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	594.49	625.97	565.79	46.3	48.3	46.3	12.84	12.96	12.22
Oil & Gas Extraction	633.99	619.08	594.41	44.9	44.0	43.9	14.12	14.07	13.54
Communications	539.45	537.70	526.91	39.9	39.8	40.5	13.52	13.51	13.01
Elec., Gas & San. Services	558.59	568.58	530.04	41.5	41.9	41.9	13.46	13.57	12.65
Wholesale & Retail Trade	249.17	247.54	242.63	32.7	32.4	32.7	7.62	7.64	7.42
Wholesale Trade	428.18	427.39	420.79	39.5	39.5	39.4	10.84	10.82	10.68
Retail Trade	196.17	193.92	189.42	30.7	30.3	30.7	6.39	6.40	6.17
General Merchandise Stores	194.10	192.26	188.43	30.0	29.9	30.1	6.47	6.43	6.26
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	319.88	325.00	291.85	36.6	37.1	36.3	8.74	8.76	8.04

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 430.09	$ 433.37	$ 426.72	41.0	41.0	42.0	$ 10.49	$ 10.57	$ 10.16
Durable Goods	442.95	448.40	445.84	40.9	41.1	42.3	10.83	10.91	10.54
Nondurable Goods	407.13	408.00	394.67	41.0	40.8	41.5	9.93	10.00	9.51
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	489.62	468.31	466.58	42.1	40.9	41.4	11.63	11.45	11.27
Durable Goods	516.38	483.18	485.14	42.5	40.4	41.5	12.15	11.96	11.69
Nondurable Goods	436.17	433.67	422.30	41.5	41.9	41.0	10.51	10.35	10.30
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	570.15	567.00	527.44	45.0	45.0	44.1	12.67	12.60	11.96
Durable Goods	485.00	482.05	457.28	44.7	44.8	44.7	10.85	10.76	10.23
Nondurable Goods	680.68	677.24	614.43	45.5	45.3	43.3	14.96	14.95	14.19
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	336.18	332.91	327.47	40.7	40.5	42.2	8.26	8.22	7.76
Durable Goods	332.88	333.17	348.86	40.3	39.9	42.7	8.26	8.35	8.17
Nondurable Goods	339.49	332.10	304.83	41.1	41.0	41.7	8.26	8.10	7.31

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Transportation Equipment registered the largest loss in Durables, losing 1,300 jobs. Most of this loss fell in Aircraft and Parts as military contractors furthered their efforts at restructuring with additional job eliminations through layoffs and attrition. The largest gain in Durables was in Lumber and Wood Products, which rose by 900 over the month.

Nondurables increased by 1,900 from April and by 6,800 from May '90. Gains of 500 each were found in Food and Kindred Products and in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products. Gains of 400 were found both in Petroleum and Coal Products and in Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products. Chemicals and Allied Products rose by 200, while a smaller gain of 100 was found in Paper and Allied Products. Textile Mill Products reported no change over the month. Losses of 100 each were reported in Printing and Publishing and in Leather and Leather Products.

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Average Weekly Earnings Increase

For the estimated 637,200 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by three cents from April to May 1991. Average Weekly Hours were up by one-tenth of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings increased by $2.34 over the month. This was $20.68 above the May 1990 level of $432.85 per week.

In mid-May a worker, on average, was earning $10.85 per hour for a 41.8-hour week, and making $453.53 in weekly earnings. This compared with $10.82 per hour for a 41.7-hour week, at $451.19 in Average Weekly Earnings one month ago. The year-ago figures were $10.38 per hour for a 41.7-hour week, with $432.85 in Average Weekly Earnings.

Durable Goods increased in Average Weekly Earnings by $2.94 over the month. Compared to one year ago the increase was $12.44. The largest gain in Durables was in Transportation Equipment which rose by $32.62. A key factor in the rise in Average Weekly Earnings was a sizeable overseas contract within Motor Vehicles and Parts.

Average Weekly Earnings in Nondurable Goods increased by thirteen cents from April. Compared to one year ago the increase was $29.44. Malt Beverages, within Food and Kindred Products, increased by $72.13 over the month. This was due to more over-time being worked in that industry.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	May'91	May'90
Total Population	17,273,200*	17,119,300*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.0	1.8
UI Covered Employers	322,789	315,368
Total Claims Actions	678,801	574,699
Total Initial Claims Actions	66,158	57,014
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	612,643	517,685
Total Placements	33,816	42,951
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$166.28	$157.25
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$84,014,372	$65,965,057

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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